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MDARC

November Meeting Friday November 17 7:30 PM

Program
Jack Friday, KFRC
speaks on
Breaking the Mystery of QRP

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane
Lafayette CA

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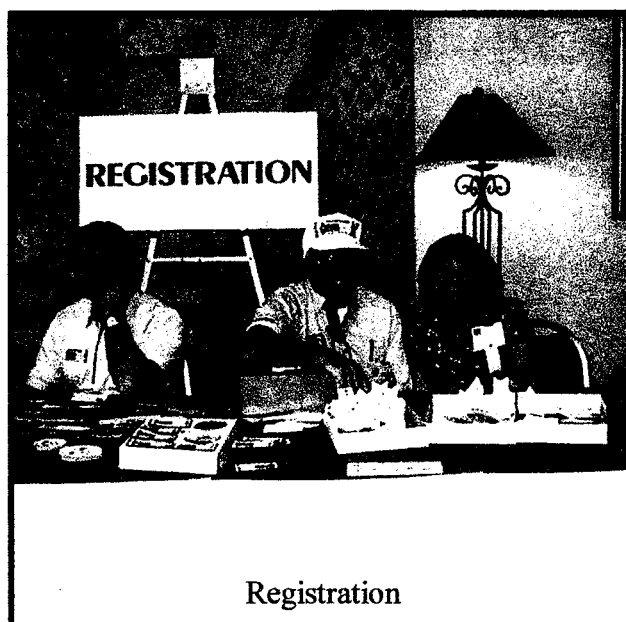
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PACIFICON 2000 ANOTHER GREAT HIT

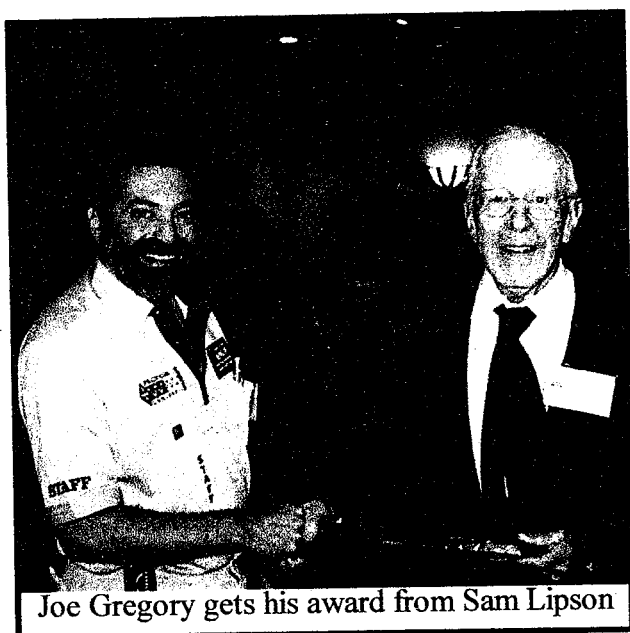
Terry Matzkin

Pacificon 2000 Chair, KE6WRE

Pacificon 2000 set records on the happiness scale. Over 1700 hams attended this event at the Concord Sheraton. There was a terrific swap meet, great exhibitors in the airplane hanger, informative and exciting speaker forums (including Riley Hollingsworth at the banquet), QRP people from around the



world, Scouts doing their Jamboree on the Air, over 70 tests taken for first timers or upgrades and the infamous Wouff Hong ceremony. Many other special events and meetings took place, all in an efficient and fun way. Over \$5000 in equipment was given away to attendees. The ARRL Forum by Jim Maxwell was well attended and most informative.



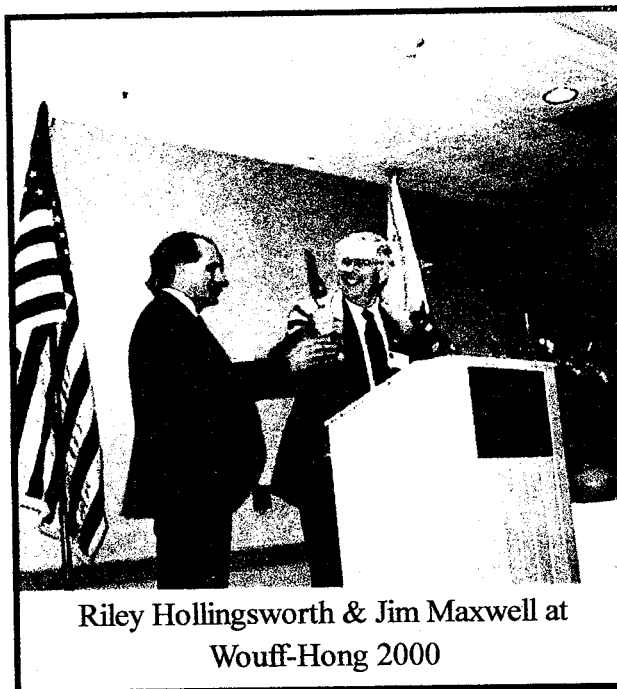
Joe Gregory gets his award from Sam Lipson

I want to thank the over 100 club members who volunteered throughout the year and/or on the weekend. It takes a huge amount of planning and work to make this event, the largest in Concord, come off as a "well oiled machine", as one of my committee puts it. I give most of the credit to the experience and willingness of this committee to do whatever it took to get the many jobs done. We had the best Pacificon yet. Thank you all.

73, Terry, KE6WRE



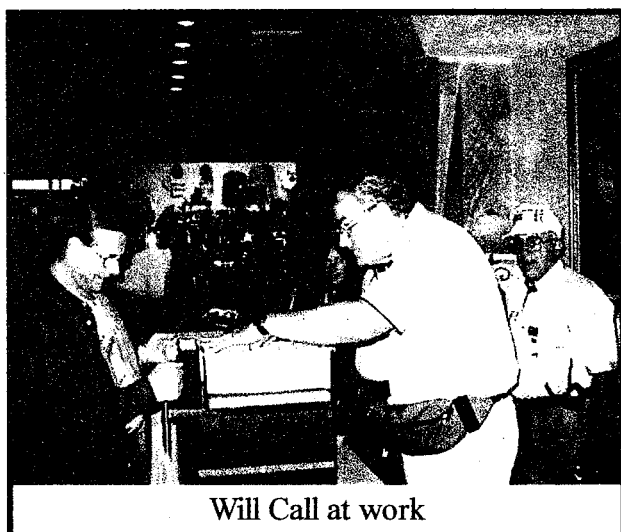
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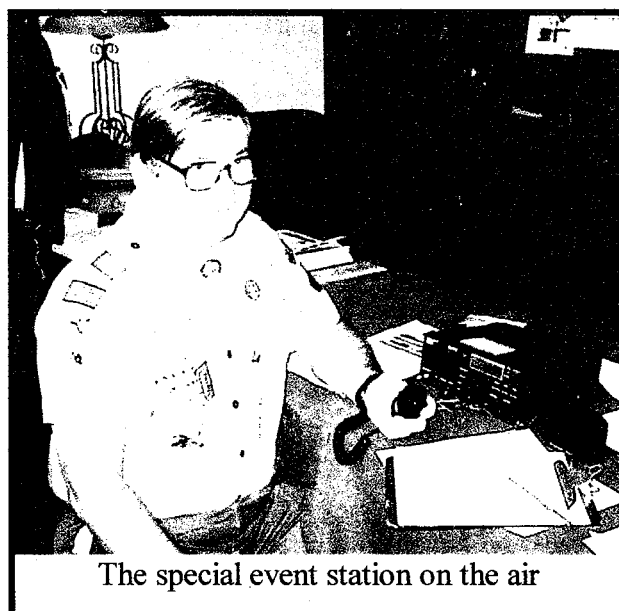
Riley Hollingsworth & Jim Maxwell at Wouff-Hong 2000



Tom Schuller and his Force 12



Will Call at work



The special event station on the air



Great stuff in the hanger

SILENT KEY

Dick Tomsik, KJ6YE, passed away on 10-23-00. Dick was a long time member of MDARC, and in the past the top ticket seller of Pacificon Tickets. Dick always worked very hard for the club within his capabilities.

Jay D. Caldis KT6Y

Speaker for November 17 meeting, Terry Matzkin

Breaking the mystery of QRP...Are you involved in low power transmitting (QRP) or just intimidated by the whole thing? Interested but don't know how to get started? Our speaker for November is Jack Friday, KFRC DJ and also known as W6ABC. He has so much fun with QRP that he is eager to show us how to get started even if we are not into home brew or design. There are kits on the market that can help us get started easily. QRP is one of the fastest growing segments of amateur radio. Pacificon is home to the worldwide QRP club with over 300 members attending this year. Come hear Jack tell about his recent trip over the Appalachian Trail using his lightweight QTP equipment. So if you want to expand your experience, come hear Jack. If you are already an expert, come support him and hear of his latest adventure. See you soon.

73, Terry, KE6WRE

MDARC Board Meeting Minutes, Oct. 2, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Estep, KE6VTA, at 7:30 p.m. Also present were: VP Terry, KE6WRE, Sect'y Paul Dickey, N6JOX, Treasurer Marie, KF6GLV, and Directors John, KM6QX, Ed, K6SFD (in part), Mike, KE6JGA, and Tracey, KE6TOT. Also present were Committee Chairmen: John, KR6CR, George, WB6OFH, and Jim, N6BHX. Also from the RRRG were: Howard, KE6PTT, Jay, KT6Y, and from PACIFICON Dick, KT6X.

George and Tracey reported that the holiday party would be held on Dec. 15 in the regular meeting place at the church. A holiday meal would be available of ham, potatoes, etc. for \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Greg announced that next month the Board would begin to discuss next year's budget, so input from all committees was solicited.

Marie reported on the balances in the checking account and the CD.

Jim noted ongoing business and noted that Tracey would be working on a RMA for some equipment surplus.

John, KR6CR, noted that the auction was scheduled for the 3rd week in April.

Greg announced that nominations for next year's Board were in place, except for the office of VP. Nominations so far are: Pres.—Terry, VP—vacant, Sect'y—Paul, Treas.—Marie, EC—Robert, KF6FGH, and Directors John, KM6QX, and Howard, KE6PTT.

Greg noted that additional new brochures about the club would be printed in time for PACIFICON.

Terry announced the schedule of meetings for PACIFICON.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Dickey, N6JOX

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your copy. If you write religious services you write rite, and have the right to copyright the rite you write.

Very conservative people write right copy, and have the right to copyright the right copy they write. A right wing cleric would write right rite, and has the right to copyright the right rite he has the right to write. His editor has the job of making the right rite copy right before the copyright can be right.

Should Jim Wright decide to write right rite, then Wright would write right rite, which Wright has the right to copyright. Duplicating that rite would copy Wright right rite, and violate copyright, which Wright would have the right to right.

Right?

Right!

FIRES AND FLOODS MUSTER AMATEUR ASSISTANCE

**As provided by: The ARRL Letter and The
American Radio Relay League**

Amateur Radio was on emergency duty in several states this week. The Amateur Radio Emergency Service activated in Minnesota last weekend to assist the Red Cross after wildfires broke out. ARRL Minnesota Section Manager Randy Wendel, KM0D, says brush fires burned more than 8000 acres in the Carlo Avery Wildlife Management Area north of Minneapolis.

Hams assisted the American Red Cross to provide communication between mobile canteens set up to feed firefighters and the Red Cross office. They also helped to coordinate the efforts of other Red Cross volunteers from North Dakota and Iowa. The Salvation Army's Terry Thurn, KB0SVW, headed up his organization's relief effort.

"The efforts of Amateur Radio here have been very well-received in the fire zone by the various agencies directly involved with fire-fighting activities," Wendel said. "The radio operators who have helped in this event should be very proud of themselves."

In Arizona, Amateur Radio operators rallied to assist during flooding this week. Flash flood warnings were issued earlier this week in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma after as much as five inches of rain fell on some parts of the Southwest.

David McCarthy, KC7AYX, an ARES Emergency Coordinator and American Red Cross Communications Specialist, said the need for Amateur Radio communications became critical due to limited cell phone coverage and very few public telephones. He said hams were providing communication between the Red Cross HQ and shelter in Parker, the American Red Cross Central Arizona Chapter Communications Center in Phoenix, and field units conducting damage assessment, feeding and bulk distribution in the flooded areas in and around the town of Wenden.

McCarthy said that up to two dozen hams from Yuma, La Paz and Maricopa counties responded to requests to assist with communications. McCarthy said APRS was being used to track some of the units in the field through digipeaters.

In Kentucky, the Amateur Radio water brigade wound down over the past weekend as running water was turned back on in communities affected by a recent coal sludge spill. An estimated 210 million gallons of coal waste spilled into streams and rivers October 11 when a coal plant retention pond near Inez gave way. As a result, communities that obtained drinking water from affected waterways had to shut down their water treatment plants.

"The boil-water advisory is lifted now, but schools and car washes are closed for a few more

MDARC 2001 Board Ballot	
Office	Candidate
President	<input type="checkbox"/> Terry Matzkin <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> To be announced <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Dickey <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Trevor Hall <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Emergency Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Hampton <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Howard Burk <input type="checkbox"/> John Schulze <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Cut out the ballot and put it in the box at the meeting!

days," Lawrence County Emergency Coordinator Fred Jones, WA4SWF, said Monday. Hams were among those helping to unload and distribute containers of drinking water to area residents after fresh water supplies were shut off following the spill.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service was not activated but remained on stand-by in Kentucky as a result of the spill.

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Lafayette**

**Doors open at 6:00pm Dinner served
at 7:00pm**

**Cost:\$8.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for Children
10 and under.**

**RSVP by December 10th to George
Roush, 925 687-0912**

2116 Athene Dr., Concord CA 94519

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/06/2000	7:30 PM	MDARC Board meeting	Emil Villa's in Concord
11/17/2000	7:30 PM	MDARC General meeting	
11/30/2000		Carrier Deadline	
12/04/2000	7:30 PM	MDARC Board meeting	Emil Villa's in Concord
12/15/2000	6:00 PM	MDARC Holiday Party	

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